

Spring 3 - Friday 26th January



Dear Families

It has been fabulous to get into classes this week and see the brilliant learning taking place. Mercury class were able to tell me all about Florence Nightingale and when she lived. Little stars have impressed me with their imaginative play, I particularly loved the fire engine made out of a cardboard box. The quality of History learning produced in Saturn was outstanding and Neptune have created some fabulous writing outcomes this week. It is great to see the children really applying themselves to their learning and being curious.

Many of you will know that World Book Day is approaching in March, a big event in the primary school calendar! I am meeting with our School Council next week to discuss what they would like to do to mark this occasion. I have heard about many ways in which it has been marked in the past and can't wait to hear what the children would like to do this year. We will let you know the plans next week so you have plenty of time to prepare!

Have a wonderful weekend

Best Wishes

Lesia Garside

Interim Headteacher

Safeguarding

During the visit to Little Stars and Mercury last week, the police made a request for me to share with parents.

They would love it if every child, from the earliest age possible, could be taught their full name and address. This way if they are ever in need of help from the police i.e. if they get separated from their

parents on the beach, it is much easier for the police to support and reunite them with their parents. Such a simple request but so important!

Attendance

A few reminders about attendance

- If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please phone or send a message to the main office by 9am and give a reason/symptoms. Please **do not** send this message to the class teacher as they may not be monitoring their messages at this time
- Please contact the school every day which your child is off sick
- Please ensure that holiday forms are completed **before** you go on holiday. These can be collected from the office

School Nurse/Health Visitor service info

From Monday 22 January 2024 Cornwall Council are launching their enhanced offer for young people and parents / carers to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

There are three advice lines as follows:

- young people aged 11-19: **07312 263 096**
- parents / carers of children aged 0-5: **07312 263 423**
- parents / carers of children and young people aged 5-19: **07312 263 499**

Users can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to Health Visiting and School Nursing to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationship
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 9am to 5pm. When a message is sent to the numbers, an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message within 48 hours (within office time).

Alternatively users can continue to contact the service via:

- Telephone: 01872 324261
- Email: hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk

Our web page is being regularly updated at www.cornwall.gov.uk/healthadvice.

You can read our press release on our news page at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/together-for-families/new-health-advice-messaging-service-launches-for-families-in-cornwall-and-the-isles-of-scilly

Speech, language and communication:

Communication is key for all aspects of our lives. It supports us to share our wants and needs, communicate our ideas and thoughts. We need strong communication skills to understand others, work through challenges we face and to develop, maintain, restore and repair relationships.

It is also vital to ensure that we can remain regulated and discuss our emotions. Communication difficulties often lead to challenging behaviours due to frustration and a lack of understanding.

Strong communication skills support our ability to engage with all aspects of learning, social interactions and emotional regulation.

Below are some tips and links to further support:

Here are a few ways to encourage speech development at home:

- **Focus on communication.** Talk with your baby, sing, and encourage imitation of sounds and gestures.
- **Read to your child.** Start **reading** when your child is a baby. Look for age-appropriate soft or board books or picture books that encourage kids to look while you name the pictures.
- **Use everyday situations.** To build on your child's speech and language, talk your way through the day. Name foods at the grocery store, explain what you're doing as you cook a meal or clean a room, and point out objects around the house. Keep things simple, but avoid "baby talk."

• <https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/toddler/learning-to-talk/learning-to-talk-2-to-3-years/>

www.speechandlanguage.org.uk

Parent Consultation Dates

Our Parent Consultations this term will be held on Monday 4th March and Wednesday 6th March. More details about booking appointments will be sent out closer to the time but we wanted to give you advance notice. There will be no Wednesday after school club on the 6th March.

Little Stars

We have been very busy in Little Stars this week. We have been making use of our new Doctors Surgery role play area, mending broken arms, legs and much more! We have even been making use of the boxes in which our new furniture has come in and made a very impressive Fire engine! We have also taken part in the LAP Storytime too!



Mercury class

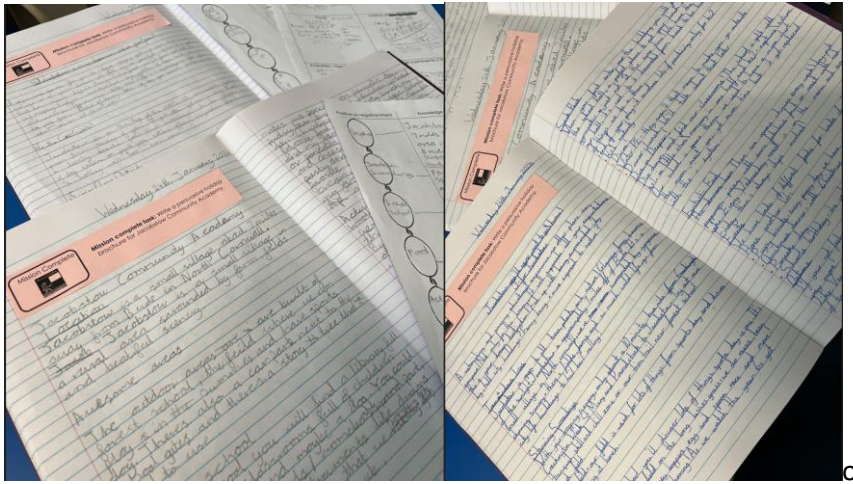
As artists we have been learning about the work of James Wild who is a Cornish Sculptor. He uses scrap metal to create mainly sculptures of animals and donates 20% of any money he earns to animal charities. The children have been busy designing their own sculptures of animals and deciding what scrap materials they could use to make their animals. Well done to Josh who made a bear at home with scrap materials. The children have been making links to their science learning on changing materials when selecting what to use. Any scrap materials your child could bring in from home to help make their creations would be much appreciated.



Saturn Class

As communicators we have been enjoying writing to persuade. We have finished our sentence stacking in which we were persuading visitors to visit Skara Brae and are now writing our final piece. We have produced a persuasive brochure for Jacobstow school, it has been great hearing the

children through this independent writing phase collecting all their vocabulary and sharing all the exciting things we have done at Jacobstow school. From Plymouth panto trips to fantastic fencing lessons with Becky, we have even included a whole paragraph to talk about Joanne's lovely lunches!



Neptune Class

We really enjoyed our Wild Tribe session this week! We communicated like trees, we sharpened and decorated sticks in a way that was personal to us, we created 2D sculptures and played 'Commanding Caterpillar' which involved the 'birds' trying out different ways to sneak up on the 'caterpillar'. We have so much fun and cannot wait for the next time!

